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Sir:

Enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney form for
the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a copy of
the Notice to File Missing Parts and a check for \$130.00 to
cover the fee for filing a Declaration on a date later than
the filing date of the application.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone
conference would expedite matters, it is respectfully
requested that he call Applicant's attorneys in Cleveland,
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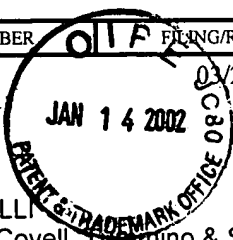


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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